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1. HIGHLIGHTS. RECENT NEWSPAPERS HAVE FEATURED AGNEW OR

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WATERGATE; THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE COURT OVERTURNS BAN

ON BOMBING CAMBODIA. INSIDE THIS WEEK WERE A COUPLE BRIEFS  
ON FRENCH TEST; MONDAY WASHSTAR HAD STORY ON PENTAGON PUSH  
FOR NEW WEAPON.

1A. RECENT EDITORIALS HAVE CONSIDERED DEFENSE SPENDING;  
ALSO SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION TROOPS IN EUROPE.

2. FRENCH TEST. SUNDAY WASHPOST HAD AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
STORY FROM LIMA REPORTING FONMINS OF SIX ANDEAN PACT  
NATIONS ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD ASK UNITED NATIONS TO ACT TO  
STOP NUCLEAR TESTS IN PACIFIC OCEAN.

2A. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD SYDNEY UPI REPORTING  
AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE RENOUF SAID HIS POST IN  
PARIS IS BEING LEFT VACANT FOR SOME MONTHS AS AN EXPRESSION  
OF DISPLEASURE WITH FRENCH TESTING, TOLD REPORTERS ON HIS

RETURN HOME HE DIDN'T BELIEVE BREAKING OF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WOULD ACHIEVE MUCH AND THAT IT SHOULDN'T OCCUR  
EXCEPT AS LAST-DITCH MEASURE.

3. NEW WEAPON. MONDAY WASHSTAR ORR KELLY REPORTED  
PENTAGON IS VIGOROUSLY PUSHING DEVELOPMENT OF WHOLE NEW  
FAMILY OF WEAPONS NOT COVERED BY SALT ONE, CITING INTER-  
VIEW WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS WHO SAID CRUISE  
MISSILES ARE BEING DEVELOPED TO BE LAUNCHED FROM PLANES,  
SURFACE SHIPS, SUBMARINES OR LAND BASES, AND THESE WILL  
BE HIGHLY MANEUVERABLE AND HAVE FLEXIBILITY AS TO SPEED  
AND ALTITUDE. MANY OBSERVERS HAVE CONSIDERED THE INTER-  
EST IN CRUISE MISSILES PRIMARILY A BARGAINING CHIP, SAID  
KELLY, BUT CLEMENTS GAVE NO INDICATION THESE MISSILES ARE  
TO BE BARGAINED AWAY, HOLDING THAT THEIR TECHNOLOGY IS ON  
THE FRONTIERS OF TOMORROW AND WE MUST NOT LOSE OUR  
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE SINCE WE ARE FAR ADVANCED OVER  
THE RUSSIANS.

4. DEFENSE SPENDING: TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON DEFENSE  
SPENDING ARE EVIDENT IN RECENT EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE  
LARGER NUMBER HOLDING THAT US SHOULD GO SLOW IN SPENDING  
ON SUCH NEW WEAPONS AS TRIDENT SUBMARINE AND B-1 BOMBER;  
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AND THE MINORITY HOLDING THAT RECENT SOVIET ACTIVITY AND  
GAINS IN ARMAMENTS REQUIRE APPROPRIATION OF THE FULL  
PENTAGON BUDGET. THIS LATTER GROUP OF COMMENTATORS IN-  
CLUDES THE HEARST PAPERS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, CINCINNATI  
ENQUIRER, DETROIT NEWS, NYNEWS, ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT.  
THE GO-SLOW-ON-NEW WEAPONS SCHOOL INCLUDES CHICAGO NEWS,  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, MINNEAPOLIS STAR, NYPOST,  
NYTIMES, NORFOLK PILOT, PHILA BULLETIN, ST. LOUIS POST-

DISPATCH. SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN IS BALTSUN WHICH FEELS THAT SOME STRETCH-OUT OF THE ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR TRIDENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE: AND THE HARTFORD TIMES ENTITLED ITS EDITORIAL: HURRY TRIDENT MISSILE, BUT NOT TRIDENT SUB.

5. TROOPS. THREE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS HAVE VOICED SYMPATHETIC INTEREST IN BROOKINGS PROPOSAL FOR REORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN NATO FORCES TO MAXIMIZE COMBAT POWER THAT COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN EUROPE IMMEDIATELY AND A REDUCTION IN SUPPORT FORCES, WITH BROOKINGS SPONSORS MAINTAINING REORGANIZATION WOULD SAVE SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS. THIS PLAN DESERVES SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SAID MONDAY WASHSTAR, ADDING IT WOULD AVOID THE UNSTABILIZING CONSEQUENCES THAT WOULD SURELY COME FROM A LARGE UNILATERAL PULLOUT. SATURDAY'S ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH NOTED

THAT BROOKINGS STUDY INDICATES LARGE SAVINGS ARE POSSIBLE EVEN IF REORGANIZATION RESULTED IN ONLY A TOKEN REDUCTION OF MANPOWER. MONDAY CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR URGED CONGRESS GO SLOWLY IN ANY CUTS AND SAID THAT BROOKINGS PLAN IS PROBABLY LEAST HARMFUL OF MANY LAID BEFORE CONGRESS. ON OTHER HAND, MIAMI HERALD AUGUST FIRST STRESSED HOPES FOR MBFR HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE 1966 AND NOW THIS AUTUMN'S TALKS WILL BE MERELY EXPLORATORY TAKING UP THE DATE, PLACE, PROCEDURES AND AGENDA; HERALD INDICATES CONGRESSIONAL CUTS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. ROGERS

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